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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN REQUEST FOR ENRICHED URANIUM THROUGH IAEA

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- 1. BOARD DOCUMENT COVERNING GOV REQUEST FOR FURTHER SUPPLYOF FUEL FOR ITS RESEARCH REACTOR ISSUED SEPTEMBER 21 (GOV/1863).
- 2. DOCUMENT CONTAINS FOLLOWING LANGUAGE CONCERNING STATUS OF VENEZUELA'S NPT SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT: QUOTE 8. VENEZUELA BECAME A PARTY TO THE TREATY ON NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS (FOOTNOTE: REPRODCUED IN DOCUMENT INFCIRC/140.) ON 26 SEPTEMBER 1975. THE NEGOTIATION WITH THE UNCLASSIFIED

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VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT OF A SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT REQUIRED UNDER ARTICLE III OF THE TREATY WAS STARTED IN MARCH 1976. BY A LETTER DATED 22 JULY 1977, THE GOVERNMENT NOTIFIED THE DIRECTOR GENERAL THA THE AGREEMENT IN QUESTION WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY AN INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE, AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE OF CONCLUDING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE AGENCY

IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

QUOTE 9. BEFORE SUBMITTING TO THE BOARD THE PRESENT REQUEST BY VENEZUELA FOR A FURTHER SUPPLY OF FUEL FOR ITS RESEARCH REACTOR, THE SECRETARIAT HAS SOUGHT CLARIFICATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA OF THE PRESENT POSITION IN REGARD TO THE NPT SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT. THE ACTING RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE OF VENEZUELA TO THE AGENCY INFORMED THE DIRECTOR GENERAL ON 16 SEPTEMBER THAT: INNER QUOTE THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT WISHES TO MAKE IT KNOWN THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LEGAL SYSTEM OF ITS COUNTRY THE DRAFT SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO CAREFULLY ANALYSIS AND IT IS NOW READY TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE AGENCY. IN THIS CONNECTION A DELEGATION OF VENEZUELAN LEGAL EXPERTS WWILL VISIT THE AGENCY IN OCTOBER TO DISCUSS THE FORM THE NEGOTATIONS SHOULD TAKE. END INNER QUOTE. UNQUOTE.

3. LATE ISSUANCE OF DOCUMENT IS LIKELY TO GENERATE COMPLAINTS BY SOME GOVS AND POSSIBLY DEFERRAL OF BG CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM UNTIL POST-GENERAL CONFERENCE BOARD MEETING. SMITH UNCLASSIFIED

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